The Trojan Cailleach

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Shadow-Lover, never seen by day,
Only deep in dreams do you appear
Wisdom tells me I should turn away,
Love of mist and shadows, all unclear--

Shadow-Lover, comfort me in pain.
Love, although I never see your face,
Never would I shrink from your embrace
Shadow-Lover, gentle is your hand
Never could another understand.

-Mercedes Lackey

The Editor's Notes Well, we have completed the move. The dogs are now adjusted to their new living space and we also just got a lawnmower. For those who are participating in ritual in LA, the grass will sooner be growing green and beautiful for bare feet. We are expanding leaps and bounds. I wanted to thank all those who have given money, time and effort to the organization and those who have contributed their writings as well. I call for any one to send my stuff to publish or to tell me about something that they are interested in having an article about in the Caillech. Keep in mind that this is your publication. If you are pondering coming to ritual, we don't bite and we don't do it skyclad. I believe that the powers that be can flow through the clothes we wear. We don't do anything strange. If you have questions about the events or ritual, call and if you wish to talk to someone other than me who has been in ritual, then ask. Keep your ears out for that Martin Page song and eyes open for some Chuck Norris Magickal movie or devil movie that is coming out. It could be really bad or it could surprise me. NOT!

The Secretary's Notes Kathy is our new secretary and hasn't heard a thing from most of you in the group. She is now around and ready and willing to take phone calls, email or letters. So if you have any questions or comments, she'd love to hear from you.

Treasurer'$ Bill$: Chantel wished you all have paid your dues. Keep in mind that she knows who you are. She also has a sheet of expenses and receipts for those who wish to see where and to whom the money goes. We really don't cost that much to run but do need some funding. If you pay by check, please make them out to Anna M Nelson since ARS doesn't not have it's own account yet. We will give you a receipt and if you like an accounting of what your money went to pay off. If you are in the New Orleans area, stop by and see her.

Events Committee Notes: Summer is a time of greater energy, but it is also a time of self-reflection. Use this time to yourself to learn about who you are and what your goals are for this lifetime. Those of you who have e-mail, feel free to write me if you need some encouragement. Those of you who don't have access to a computer, drop me a note at the ARS address (which will be changing soon, keep your eyes out for the new address). I am still working out some ideas for events in the fall and spring. Don't be afraid to make suggestions. Is there anyone that you would like to have come and speak? Anywhere you'd like to go? Anything in particular you would like to learn more about? Let us know and we will try our best to make your vision a reality. **Blessed Be.**

Ritual Reminder:

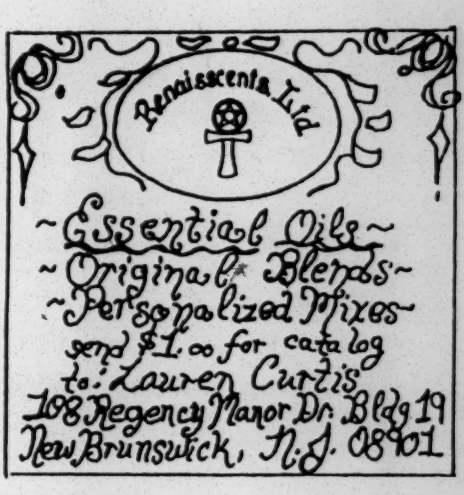
Remember that the rituals try to start on time. The energy will flow outward and upward from the earth as we start our rituals. If you choice or can not attend the ritual, you could conduct your ritual at the same time thereby connecting with the groups energy. If you come, remember to be on time.

Ritual Schedule:

07/27	8:30 pm	New Moon
07/30	2:00 pm	**Lammas Sabbat**
08/11	8:30 pm	Full Moon
08/26	8:30 pm	New Moon
09/09	8:00 pm	Full Moon
09/21	8:30 pm	**Mabon Sabbat**
09/24	7:00 pm	New Moon

ARS Upcoming Events:

08/13	Woods Walk & Picnic @ 10am
08/27	Decker Canyon Hike & Picnic @ 10am
09/06	Activities Fair @ USC 12-2pm
09/17	Welcome Tea Ritual @ 2pm
10/01	Sewing Event @2pm



New 'Zine: *The Satin Shoe*

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It is an experiment to see if the various ideological interest groups can transcend their political dissimilarities and to come together in common cause. A by-product of which will be a vehicle to express our view openly and to honestly share our ideals.

I possess no formal education, nor do I have experience as a writer or motivator. I just suddenly became tired of being a couch potato, got off my butt and did something. We are open to suggestions, submissions of material, and feedback. Everyone is warmly invited to join this experiment.

Here is a **Herbal Search**. Try and find these six herbs which are harvest and Lammas herbs: heather, oak, sunflower, mistletoe, and hollyhock.

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For those in Canada or just interested:

Hecate's Loom
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is a magazine published as a non-profit service for Pagans, Witches, Goddess-worshipers, and other like-minded and interested folk to exchange information, ideas, and inspirations. It is a forum devoted to networking and communication. The Hectate's Loom Publishing Collective: a group of volunteers who believe in providing this service. The cost in the US is $13-18.

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LOCH PARDO: PACIFIC HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES:
will be Saturday & Sunday October 21st and 22nd @ 16700 South Euclid Avenue in Chino. Gate Fee for cars will be $5.00 and Gate Admission is $9 (1 day) and $ 14 (2 days).

Gathering for life on Earth Pagan Festival

September 1-4th

Lower Mainland BC (Canada)

The Congregationalist Witchcraft Association, Pagans for Peace and the Vancouver Pagan communities invite you to join us at a celebration on the Labour Day weekend. This is a family and children-centred gathering. There will be a limited number of people in attendance (maximum of 100) and pre-registration will be required. This will be an alcohol-free event. We don't have "stars" in attendance, except each other. Costs will be sliding from $70-100 for adults and $35 for children under 16 years old for the weekend prior to 1 July, $100/35 afterward. We are subsidizing children. Adults will additionally be required to volunteer 2 hours of their time.

For registration information contact:

Pagans for Peace, POBox 2205, Clearbrook, BC V2T 3X8 (604) 855-8893

Local Group Focus:

Educational Society for Pagans (ESP)
Post Office Box 18211
Encino, California 91316

is a non-profit public benefit corporation formed in 1984 for the purpose of providing educational resources, avenues of networking, and to promote public outreach work for the Craft/Pagan community in Southern California. They put the seasonal Pagan Digest with the incomparable Lady Thunderpussy.

DON'T FORGET:

HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION
@ Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
1419 Topagna Canyon Boulevard
October 21 & 22 @ 8am-6pm
Before 08/30- $25 ($45) or Afterwards $30 ($50)

Lammas Lore:

Lammas is the celebration of the harvest and the corn mother, it also celebrates the Grain God whose life is sacrificed at the harvest. The God must die in order for the Goddess to awake from her winter rest to descend into the Underworld to find him there. The ending or fading of summer is the perfect time for this type of ending. We are leaving the overly physical time of passions and recklessness of the summer and are beginning to settle down to the tasks ahead of us like school or making it through the winter. The summer was also the height for the sun. It was at its fullness and provided for long days and long hard work. Now we are in the phase of reaping those benefits. However we must remember not to use up those resources too quickly. We must learn to be wise in our spending and learn that the survival through the winter depends on this period. We take with us memories and even physical changes. Yet we can not ignore that there were also spiritual changes that have occurred during this time period.

No one wishes to try and think ahead. No one wants to plan ahead for their futures nor for their old age. Yet what this holiday teaches us is to be practical and to save. The experiences which we are having are necessary for our growth and for our development. We need to understand that all we do in the summer of our lives effects the winter of our lives. No one wishes to have a winter of discontent. The rituals of this time period should be ones which emphasize the ending of the hot summer days and the calming cool aspects of the night. We are going into a more balanced period where the moon time and sun time are in harmony. The nights and days will become equal and more together. Our spiritual side will have time to catch up.

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Dyandra's Crystal Sands, etc
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The Legend from Dyandra: Long, long ago when the world was new and the playground of the gods, Mother Nature (The Goddess; She of 10,000 names) and Father Time (The Great Spirit; He of 10,000 names) would sometimes meet in very special places. And under certain circumstances, when the Moon was full and their love for each other was so intense that mountains moved, they left behind them a trail of moments of their love in the form of rich deposits of minerals and gems. They left these for us, their children to find and use and enjoy with love...so the legend goes.

Runes for Thought:

Cooperation (Mannaz)

This rune is a symbol of mankind. Used as a talisman, it benefits contacts with others, offering their help and cooperation.

Opening (Kano)

This is a rune of creativity, important to artists and craftsmen. A rune of opening up and dispelling darkness. It allows good things to come into your life.

Pagan Recovery Project::

This project is a program based upon the Steps and principles of AA as adapted for Pagans. It is intended as a supplement rather than as a substitute for existing Twelve Step Programs. It welcomes Pagans from all traditions who may be looking for a safe and comfortable spiritual place in the San Francisco Bay area to experience recovery. The group holds one regular meeting per week and is open to Pagans in recovery from all addictions. It has developed Pagan prayers, rituals, and other materials for recovery and does national networking with Pagans in recovery. To reach them write or call:

c/o Bay Area Pagan Assemblies
PO Box 4159
Mountain View, CA 94040-0159
(408) 559-4242

Correspondence Page:

•ARS was written about in COG.

•ARS has received the next issues of your favorite Pagan publications.

•ARS has received requests for information from Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Michigan, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Colorado, Florida, and Texas.

•ARS has received letters this Sabbatstide from Solitary, Sacred Serpent, Silver Pentagram, Witch's Brew, Symphony, PagaNet & Pagan Youth Group

•Scatha presided over the Long Beach handfasting of Suzi & David on June 24th with Quicksilver's assistance.

•ARS will be featured in a documentary on Witchcraft produced by Film Roos which may appear on Lifetime Television.

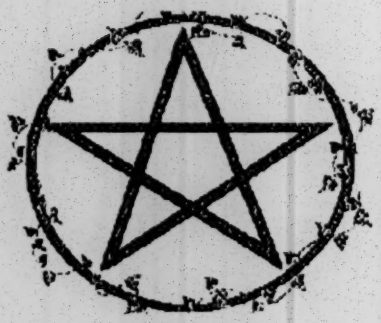
•Scatha, in preparation for her book, has put together several rituals which ARS has done which can be nicely printed for a small fee or downloaded off of AOL.

• Welcomes to the initiate circle goes (belatedly) to Quicksilver and Xaevier. If you are seeking or pondering initiation, the passage begins with you and only you can decide when to pursue it and with whom.. Mediate on it and perhaps do a reading or ritual for yourself.

Clarification to All Members and Ponderers:

Originally the Ancient Religions Society was founded to fill a void in the lives of those associated in some manner with USC. However, as the month wore on, it became evident that the need was greater in the local community. Time marched on and the need was wider than that originally believed. As of today, ARS has two branches: one is the ARS of USC who provides service to the USC community for their religious and educational needs. Membership is restricted to USC associates, is governed by the laws of USC and protected by them; and the second group is one which is ruled and protected by the constitutions of the state of California and the US. Membership is open to any person who is interested and meets the groups' criteria. Furthermore the level of commitment to ARS depends on the individual. Some just receive the Caillech while others participate regularly in ritual.

The group is not a coven, per se, it is an association of solitaries who pool their energies for common and personal good. Scatha Gunn is simply the motivator, presider and channeler of ancient knowledge. The key to the group's success rests solely in the individual members and the breath of the Goddess.



This is the pentagram. It is the symbol of spirit coming into being and at times ruling the world of matter. Water, the West, is the governing element of emotion and intuition. Like that which it emulates, no emotion or skill of intuition is set in granite. It ebbs and flows and can be quite mercurial; perhaps that is why women who have the most fluids tend to be more emotional and more intuitive. It is the right arm which is the positions of honour. Our intuition which is our eye or connection with the Goddess is the most honoured and the part of us that is "truth" from beyond.

The summer is governed by a desire to "hit the beach", take a swim to "cool-off", or to relax in a bath. We seek to return to the calming fluids of the womb and to calm our senses and emotions; to seek that internal rhythm which the moon provides us. We forget the natural cycle of life and that we are NOT controlled by external forces. We are part of the external universe, but we are NOT all that is the external universe. Learn to listen, rather than ignore, those internal rhythms. It would help you in finding balance and in accepting the life which is inside each of us.

For example, my mother speaks of genetic memory, some reincarnation and others a divine spark....whatever you believe if you listen to the internal rhythms and hidden voices you become more at peace with yourself. Learn to listen to your internal "voices" and not to fight against yourself but accept yourself. Blessed Be!

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Pagan Definitions:

(3 letters) is the flowering fertility Goddess. Fires were lit for her at Midsummer. Maiden aspect of the Triple Goddess in Ireland.

(4 letters) God of the sea and water from Wales.

(5 letters) a druid sacred tree.

(4,6 two words) another sacred tree which is burned at Celtic festivals

(4,4 two words) a druid sacred herb poppets for healing and love can be stuffed with dried mint leaves.

A Muse is the inspiration of artists, poets, writers and philosophers The Goddess who guides your pen when you draw, brings you the words to create a story and finds the notes when you play an instrument. Bless her! As women we need to explore our creative sides. Our needs are deep and we must listen. **The MuSe** is a forum for women to share their creativity and spirituality in honor of our Goddess. A place to share our dreams.
The MuSe is a very targeted publication with readers interested in our Goddess, magic, ritual, women's herstory, art, crafting, fashion, homeopathy and aromatherapy to name just a few.

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Word Search #2

Can you find 5 of the 8 astrological signs in the Zodiac.

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Letters to the Editor:

Via email from PaulPixel:

Most foster care organizations, are unfortunately run by "religious" charities. Its one of the few areas where church/state hand holding has not been undone by supreme court law making. Wicca is a recognized spiritual pursuit in most states complete with Not for Profit status by the IRS. It could be that the care giver broke a covenant for care, but theoretically not raising the children in a "Christian, Jewish or Moslem" or other specified manner. These covenants are contractual agreements which most care givers sign with the agency pursuant to taking children into their homes. Other covenants include not keeping alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in the home.

Irish Mystic Charms by Lady Wilde:

While saying this charm three times, the patient should be rubbed with butter on the place of pain:

I kill the evil; I kill the worm in the flesh, the worm in the grass. I put a venomous charm in the murderous pain. The charm that was set by Diana and Isis; the charm that kills the worm in the flesh, in the tooth, in the body.

Dream Meanings:

Sapphire: dreaming of this denotes a need for patience and faithful support of another.

Sand: dreaming of the grains or among other things signifies annoyances.

Smog: hints that anxieties and bad attitudes that are clouding your peace of mind must be dealt with soon.

Shadow Lover Continued-

Shadow-Lover, soothe me when I mourn
Mourn for all who left me here alone,
When my grief is too much to be borne,
When my burdens crushing-great have grown,
Help me bear the burdens I have yet.

Shadow-Lover, you alone can know
How I long to reach a point of peach
How I fade with weariness and woe
How I long for you to bring release.
Shadow-Lover, court me in my dreams
Bring the peace that suffering redeems.

Covenant of the Goddess (COG)
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Berkeley, California 94701

was founded in 1975 to increase cooperation among Witches and to secure for Witches and Covens the legal protection enjoyed by members of other religions. The Covenant publishes a newsletter; issues ministerial credentials on request to qualified persons; sponsors a national festival each summer; and encourages networking nationally, as well as regionally through local councils. The annual Grand Council or national business meeting is held as part of a national festival, which is open to the whole membership as well as Pagans and Witches who are not part of the Covenant.

How to Make Magickal Talismans

by ARS Member Mike Young

Using Talismans to attract love, wealth or happiness is easy to do. For example to attract money, use a money talisman that comes under the rulership of Venus. You can draw the symbol of Venus on your talisman. To attract good luck use Jupiter's symbol, whatever astrological rulership your wish falls under use that planet.

White construction paper or parchment paper can be used to make a talisman work for you. Cur out a paper circle with a diameter of four inches. Next draw an inner circle about ½ inch smaller than the talisman cutout. This will allow you to write a Magickal verse. Note: talismans have hours they rule, day or night.

To charge the talisman, direct your thoughts momentarily on your desire. Light a candle or incense, this will impart more energies, helping to bring your object of desire, whether it be money, luck, or health. Of course you have to believe in magick to get good results. Good Luck!

<u>If you're near Richmond on Labor Day:</u>

There will be a pagan gathering where all the proceeds go to the Iron Oak's Legal Defense Fund. Those who register early will receive a Faire packet, including maps to the park and of the park as well as waivers necessary to participate in many of the events, and other items of interest. The feast will be pot-luck, and anyone who plans to stay for it should bring a dish to share, the free activities will be happening throughout the day, as well as activities that have small fees, such as raffles, silent auctions, food concession, bake sale, and some games.

Directions: Take I-64 East toward Norfolk. Exit onto Route 143 (toward Williamsburg). At the Penniman Road intersection, turn left, toward school, then turn left at Hubbard Lane (first street). After you go under the overpass, take the Immediate right turn onto Lakeshead Drive. You will follow it to the park entrance. For more info Email: **PagaNet@aol.com**

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